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RUSSIA NEVER WORKED FOR PEACE

Delayed Negotiations for Months for Sole Purpose of Strengthening Armament in East for Hostilities.

Action of Japan in Beginning Hostilities in Accord With Opinion of the World.

DECLARATION IMMATERIAL

Complaint of Russia That Japan Violates International Law Answered Completely by Japan's Circular.

Washington, March 1.—The Japanese minister here has received an official statement in answer to one recently promulgated by Russia after reciting Russia's charges of treachery and flagrant breach of international law. Japan answers by asserting that Russia never entertained any sincere desire for peace; that she delayed negotiations purposely for months in order vastly to increase her naval and military forces; that February 1 the military commandant at Vladivostok requested the Japanese commercial agent to notify his government that a state of siege might be declared any moment, and the threatened demonstration by warships at Port Arthur occurred "under such circumstances."

The circular goes on to say: "Who can say Russia had no warlike intentions?" On February 6 Japan communicated her decision to terminate negotiations and "to take such independent action as she might deem best." The term "independent action" naturally included opening hostilities. "The fact," it continues, "that Russia was unable to understand it in that light is, of course, no reason why Japan should be held responsible." The circular goes on: "The almost unanimous opinion of international jurists is that a declaration of war is not an indispensable prerequisite to opening hostilities," and concluded by alluding to the fact that only once in history Russia had even a rupture of diplomatic relations before resorting to hostilities.

Promotion for Marlborough.
New York, March 1.—There is now

much more likelihood of the Duke of Marlborough becoming viceroy of Ireland than heretofore, cables the London correspondent of the Herald. Lord Dudley shortly will be obliged to give up the lord lieutenantcy owing to the precarious state of the health of Lady Dudley, and it is generally believed that the Duke of Marlborough will succeed in the post.

VICTIMS NUMBER FIFTEEN.

Mrs. Samuel Jones, of Nannimo, Dies From Exposure.

Port Townsend, Wash., March 1.—The recent fire aboard the steamship Queen claimed its fifteenth victim this morning when Mrs. Samuel Jones, of Nannimo, B. C., passed away at St. John's hospital, where she was taken Sunday morning. Mrs. Jones' death is directly attributed to exposure.

NONE BUT AMERICANS.

Vessels Specified for Use in Shipping Philippine Merchandise.

Washington, March 1.—The senate today passed a bill requiring the use of American vessels in transporting government supplies and took up the bill prohibiting the use of other than American vessels in shipping merchandise to the Philippines and relieving the inter-island trade of the Philippines from the exactions of the coastwise laws of the United States. The first mentioned requirements of the latter bill is already in force, in effect, but this measure enacts it in a different form.

The bill now pending, as introduced, provides that it shall go into effect July 1 next, but the democrats sought to have the time deferred. Their suggestions were not accepted, but Lodge, who is in charge of the measure, indicated his willingness to postpone the time, but the senate adjourned, however, without acting on either the bill or amendment.

PLAN TO REDEEM LANDS.

Pendleton, Ore., March 1.—E. N. Davis, of the United States geological survey, left today for Butler creek to continue work on the Umatilla county scheme. The Commercial clubs of Walla Walla and Pendleton have united in an appeal to the president through the delegations that this proposition be endorsed and put through at once. It would redeem 200,000 acres.

Tom Jenkins Fails.

Buffalo, March 1.—Tom Jenkins, the heavyweight champion, failed to win in the handicap wrestling match with Jim Parr before the Olympic Athletic Club tonight. Jenkins undertook to throw Parr twice in an hour. He secured only one fail.

BELIEVED THAT BIG ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR IS IN PROGRESS

Wires From Seat of War Are Silent, So Story of Battle As Appeared in London Press Can Not Be Confirmed.

Correspondent at Chefoo Wires That Troops Loaded With Japanese Troops Arrive Daily at Chemulpo and That Force of Infantry Is Concentrated at Taitong River—Corea Sides With the Muscovite, Northern Tribes Openly.

London, March 2.—No confirmation of the report published yesterday in the Daily Telegraph that the Japanese had bombarded Port Arthur February 29 has been received from any point. Wires from the scene have been practically silent for the past 24 hours and in some quarters this silence is supposed to indicate that Japan's great attack on Port Arthur is actually in progress and consequently the use of wires has been discontinued.

In a dispatch from Shanghai the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reports that the Japanese military authorities object to the installation of wireless telegraphy apparatus on the newspapers' dispatch boats.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chefoo, who has just returned there from Chemulpo, Corea, cables that Japanese transports carrying troops continue to arrive at Chemulpo at the rate of one a day, while provisions are being landed near Hwang Ju (94 miles northwest of Chemulpo) at the head of the Taitong river, where a large force of Japanese infantry has concentrated.

The Japanese squadron at Chemulpo has been strengthened. A fleet of 12 battleships and cruisers has been stationed permanently in the Prince Jerome gulf, between Chebido Island and the anchorage. The correspondent continues:

"Yesterday, I saw a cruiser of the Nytko type beached at the entrance of the Nam Yang creek. She was deserted except for a Japanese guard. Coreans are hostile to the Japanese, and they are assisting the Russians in northern Corea."

SCHOOLS FOR NURSES.

Leading Russian Women Training to Go to the Front.

Vladivostok, March 1.—Everything is quiet here. The rise in the price of provisions has been slight and trade continues. The blizzard has ceased and there are now snow drifts stretching for 60 or 70 miles from the fortress. Schools have been started here for the instruction of nurses, who are recruited from among the wives and daughters of prominent citizens. Among them is the wife of General Von Senetz, the commandant at Vladivostok.

Depart Without Firing.

Paris, March 2.—Martin this morning publishes a dispatch from his Harbin correspondent, which says: "A private letter received here from Vladivostok asserts that on February 25 nine Japanese warships appeared off the roadstead there and remained the greater part of the day. They finally departed without firing."

Bombardment Not Confirmed.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Direct telegraphic advices received here from Port Arthur tonight made no mention of the bombardment of that place, as reported by the London Daily Telegraph today. On the contrary, these advices say the Japanese fleet has disappeared from the horizon at Port Arthur.

En Route for West Corea.

Tokio, March 1.—The general staff and a regiment of guards left Japan today for some port on the west coast of Corea, probably Chemulpo.

Jap Minister Threatens.

New York, March 1.—The position of the Russian gunboat Mandjur is unchanged, says a Shanghai dispatch to the American. The Chinese report that the Japanese minister at Peking threatened that if the boat were not disarmed

a Japanese cruiser will enter the port and sink her.

SMOOT CASE POSTPONED.

Witnesses Not All Present, so Investigation Is Deferred.

Washington, March 1.—The investigation of the protests against Senator Reed Smoot retaining his seat in the United States senate will not begin until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. When Chairman Burrows called the committee to order today Waldemar Vancott, of Salt Lake City, Utah, one of the counsel for the defense, asked for a postponement until tomorrow on account of the unavoidable absence of A. S. Worthington, of Washington, D. C., who has charge of the case for Senator Smoot.

The attorney for the Protestants made no objection to the continuance for the reason that the witnesses they desired to put on the stand in opening the case had not yet arrived from Utah. The one witness present was E. B. Critchlow, former United States district attorney in Utah, who has prosecuted a number of cases against Mormons. Former Secretary of the Treasury J. G. Carlisle and former Representative Robert W. Taylor, attorneys for the prosecution, were present.

SPEECH BY WILLIAMSON.

Oregon Man's Maiden Effort Is in Behalf of Fair.

Washington, March 1.—The house today concluded the general debate on the District of Columbia appropriation bill. A variety of subjects, other than the bill, were discussed.

Williamson, of Oregon, made his first speech in the house today. He urged the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark exposition.

COYOTES ATTACK GIRLS.

One of the Young Women Fires on the Animals and the Rest Run.

Oregon City, Ore., March 1.—Driven to desperation by long fasting, due to heavy snows, a band of coyotes attacked Maude Russell and Clara Sherman, near Wilhoit Springs, in this county. Fortunately the girls were armed. Instead of fleeing from the wild dogs, the Russell girl shot one of the animals. The report of the gun frightened the remainder of the pack away.

The young women were mounted and brought the body of the dead coyote back with them to their home as a souvenir of their strange adventure.

Coyotes are becoming very numerous and are very bold in the foothills this year, the snow having been greater than usual. The animals come into the surrounding valleys for food. But this is said to have been the first case on record where they have attacked human beings.

LION BREAKS LOOSE.

Circus Horse Killed by Furious King of the Desert and Is Recaged.

San Jose, Cal., March 1.—Hannibal, an untamed lion, owned by Norris & Rowe's circus, broke loose from his cage this morning and killed a horse which had been hitched to the car in which the lion had been shipped from San Francisco. Hannibal was recently on exhibition at the Chutes in San Francisco, and was forwarded to Norris & Rowe on Monday afternoon.

A trainer was left to guard the car last night, but in his absence the king of beasts secured his liberty and made prey of the defenseless horse. This morning the tragedy was discovered. The lion, still at liberty in the car, had gorged himself on the carcass of the

animal which he had killed, and was in a contented frame of mind as long as he was left to his slumbers. It was decided by the proprietors of the circus to await the arrival of his trainer, Frank Hall, from San Francisco, before attempting to cage the beast. Hall reached here on the 12:20 train and, after a struggle, Hannibal was forced into his cage and taken to the circus grounds.

The lion is a young beast of purest Nubian blood, and was recently purchased by Norris & Rowe. He has a record for temper, and has disabled one man for life and sent another to the hospital since coming into the possession of his present owners.

OPERA ATTENDANT NABBED.

DeGuilder, of Portland, Arrested With Lady on His Arm.

Vancouver, B. C., March 1.—With a good-looking, smartly dressed lady on his arm Alfred DeGuilder came out of the opera house last night after seeing the Pollards in "The Belle of New York." His thoughts of supper with the fair one were rudely broken when Detective Mulhern touched his shoulder heavily and requested his company to the police station. The lady showed her disgust in noisy protestation at such an outrage, while DeGuilder asked the meaning of his arrest. He was told that he was accused of forging a check in Portland.

The chief of police there had wired here asking for the arrest of a man with double-jointed thumb, wearing a gold charm figure of an Indian's head suspended by a black silk cord. The detective traced him to a hotel, where they found a book with the name DeGuilder in it, but the man was enjoying the opera.

When stopped he declared that his name was Roberts, and when told about the book continued to deny being DeGuilder. When the detective found the double-jointed thumb and watch charm the Portland man wilted but denied that he had committed forgery. He was brought up before the police magistrate this morning and ordered held.

DeGuilder having consented to go back to Portland to face the forgery charge, it was decided to be unnecessary for him to face the magistrate. In waiving extradition he again declared that he was guiltless. He claimed that he only indorsed the note, which may have been forged, but he knew nothing about that. DeGuilder will say nothing further in the matter, and Chief North has not been informed from Portland as to the particulars of the supposed forgery. He does not know the name supposed to have been misused.

ENGLAND MUST BE PREPARED FOR WAR

Magnitude of Naval Estimates Should Not Be Considered At This Time, Warns Mr. Balfour.

Hints at Possibility of Conflict Between Great Britain and Two Maritime Powers.

GREAT LOSSES CONSEQUENT

In Such Event There Must Be Reserved Force to Fall Back On to Hold Supremacy She Now Enjoys.

London, March 1.—In the course of a discussion of naval estimates in the house of commons tonight, Premier Balfour, while admitting the magnitude of the estimates, said the house should not only consider the amount, but should watch the general European and Asiatic situation, which alone could justify what the country was asked to expend.

The country should not lose sight of the possibility of war between Great Britain and two great maritime powers, which could hardly end without great losses to both the enemy and Great Britain, in which event other navies would be intact and in a maritime position which they did not now hold.

Judgment Is Affirmed.

San Francisco, March 1.—The judgment of the circuit court for the district of Idaho was affirmed in the case of Isaac J. Lewis vs. M. C. Clark, receiver for the American Building & Loan Association. The action grew out of an attempt on the part of Receiver Clark to foreclose a mortgage of \$5000, which the insolvent firm held on the property held by Lewis. Lewis contended that Clark had no right to foreclose the mortgage on the ground that he was appointed receiver by a Wisconsin court. The appellate court held that the circuit court was right in deciding they had no right to recognize or reject the receiver, appointed by a court of their jurisdiction.

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